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April, 2004 “As the Wood Turns”

Suggested names: Turnings, Headstock News, Shavings, Turning News, My Turn, Our Turnings, Keep Turning

Attendance: This month, 31 members were in attendance.



News from the AAW: This piece of news is copied from the AAW website:

“Past President and current AAW board member Bobby Clemons recently informed the board of his need to resign from the board of directors due to health concerns. We regretfully accept Bobby’s resignation and pray for his speedy recovery. The board has appointed Angelo Iafrate from Rhode Island to fill Bobby’s vacated board position for the remainder of that term, which ends in 2005. Angelo will serve on the Conference committee as well as Publications.” Our congratulations and full support to Angelo.

Report from Angelo Iafrate on the AAW:

Serving as a member of the Regionalization Committee, there was a unanimous vote not to regionalize the AAW at this time.

The group of nine committee members polled about a dozen organizations similar to the AAW. All had unique and different ways of dealing with board members, elections and regionalization. Through this survey we recognized that assigning areas of

the country into “regions” would be difficult and would add another layer of bureaucracy to the governance of the AAW (which would add costs and result in higher dues). We also recognized that we would disenfranchise about 2000 members not residing in the continental US.

Understanding that the re-election Committee Chair is the person responsible to “regionalize” the Board, we all agreed that this was not done during the recent election.

One thing that kept popping up in conversations with other chapters and other members is the disenfranchisement felt by most AAW members. Put simply, “What has the AAW done for me lately?” Besides the quarterly Journal and the yearly Symposium the AAW acts pretty much on its own, without help from the members at large. There is a movement to change this. Instead of having a committee of all Board Members, there will be an effort put forward to make committees that have only one or two Board Members and the remaining members would be members at large.

Finally, an interesting point was driven home to me by one of the Committee Members, Bill Small. If the country were divided into 6 approximately equal regions, the Northeast Region would consist of Maine, NH, VT, MA CT, RI, NY, PA, MD NJ, DE, and DC. The entire NE Region would have a voting power of 1422 votes. The only region with less votes would be the NW region with 1286 votes.

Neither area has an elected Board Member. So, if you want more voice, you will need more members.

So the call goes out. If you want to see change in the way the AAW is run, let's put some ideas forward and I will be happy to present them at the next Board Meeting March 26th through the 28th. **Angelo Iafrate** also brought out the fact that the next AAW Symposium in the NE will be in 2010. We may want to hold a Regional Symposium on our own before then. Central Connecticut Woodturners may have already started planning such a regional Symposium

President Ken D'Ambrosio strongly encouraged Ocean Woodturners to join the AAW. The dues are \$35 per year and you receive a great quarterly magazine. Members can join the AAW on-line at <http://www.woodturner.org> using a credit card over a secure line.

Twinning:

Jeff Mee distributed extra copies of our March Newsletter and also copies of YOUR Turn, the newsletter of our Twinning Partner in the UK. Dave Gibbard has been doing some thinking about doing a piece about different uses of words in UK and USA and the misunderstandings that can arise. For example, if an American were to say "I'm mad about my flat" he would be annoyed about his punctured tyre, but a Brit would be enthusing about his apartment. If you have some examples Dave is looking to publish them in their newsletter, just pass them along to Jeff Mee at jmee@hotmail.com and he will ensure that Dave gets them. Maybe we could have a regular section on just such things?

Freedom Pens Project:

Jeff Mee and Angelo Iafrate suggested that our club become involved in making pens for our service men and women overseas. Many of the members expressed a willingness to learn pen turning and getting involved in this worthwhile project. All materials have been donated and Angelo has pen stock and other materials being shipped to him.

Ken D'Ambrosio moved that we set a Sat. or Sunday to produce pens in production. The date has since been set for Sunday, June 13; the specifics will be discussed at the next meeting and posted in the May newsletter.

Some members expressed the idea of producing pens for RI servicemen overseas. If we go that route, **Larry Dunklee** offered to contact RI's **Adjutant General of the RI National Guard.**

General Information

The **Freedom Pens Project** is an all volunteer effort spearheaded by the members of SawMill Creek Woodworkers Forums to provide custom hand crafted pens to American servicemen and women overseas. We welcome anyone who is interested in our project and willing to donate their time, talent or services to assist us in our goal of providing beautiful writing instruments for our military stationed in foreign countries who are in harms way. Every Freedom Pen that is delivered will serve as a constant reminder to our troops that they are not alone and will have our continued support until every one of them returns home.

Who Makes The Pens?

Freedom Pens are being made by individual woodworkers everywhere, from small towns to our largest cities, amateur woodworkers are donating their time, talent and personal funds to create custom pens as a symbol of their support for our military men and women.

Our program is sponsored by the Woodworking Community of [SawMill Creek.org](http://SawMillCreek.org).

Junior Ocean Woodturners: **Wayne Collins** is developing a website for his Junior group. He will let the Secretary know when it is up and running so a link can be added to our website that points to theirs.

Treasurer's Report: **Bob Hopkins** reported that we made \$40 profit on our last demonstration. The current balance is \$2504.25.

This Month's Demonstration: cabriolet leg Turning. Mike Murray brought 3 completed cabriolet legs and one uncompleted leg for Larry Dunklee to turn to match the other 3. This is the first meeting where we were treated to seeing the turning process on our new monitor using our video camera.



Mike demonstrated how the leg is cut and then placed off-center in the lathe for turning.



Larry started out somewhat hesitant in his turning, but with encouragement by Mike Murray, Larry successfully completed the leg to the applause of everyone in attendance.

Show and Tell: Again there were a good number of turnings brought this month.



David Barwise- 2 spalted candlesticks (# 1 & 2)

Bill Smith- Bowl in Black Walnut (# 3)

Mike Murray- segmented bowl in Holly and Purpleheart with Ebony highlights (# 4 and inset at right), a small Iroko bowl with 3 high points (# 5), and a small lidded Iroko bowl (# 6).

Ron Chatterly- a spalted vase (not pictured)

George Nazareth- a small segmented vase (# 7)

Jeff Mee - a Cherry vase with hole (# 8) and a small bowl made from Privet Hedge (# 9)

Peter Skeffington- a new member was not aware that he should put his turning for show and tell outside the meeting room, so his wonderful Walnut natural edged bowl was not included in the group picture. We were so impressed because this was his first turning and was motivated by his attendance at our last Bowl Turning demonstration by Rick Angus. Ken D'Ambrosio asked George to take a picture of this bowl, which is shown here in the newsletter for all to see (# 10). Great work, Pete.

Auction:- Angelo Iafrate must have cleaned out his workshop. He donated 4 bags full of pre-turned and dried pieces that he never completed. Also, **Tom Schwab** donated some Cherry and Sassafras slabs.

Next Meeting
Thursday April 15, 7 p.m.
Woodcraft, Route 2, East Greenwich

Program: Off-center turning—Emilio Iannuccillo will teach Mickey Goodman and Bernie Feinerman.